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# What's News—

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**SOVIETS GOT SECRETS** from a former Army warrant officer, the U.S. charged.

The FBI arrested Joseph Helmich, 44, in Florida; he is accused of selling coding manuals and equipment to the U.S.S.R. for \$131,000. Most of the charges date back to the early 1960s, but Helmich allegedly got payoffs as late as August 1980. U.S. Attorney Gary Betz said Helmich had been made a Soviet colonel.

Damage from the disclosures "could be very, very grave," Betz said. Soviets could have decoded messages in the Vietnam conflict, he indicated.

Reagan expressed "complete trust" in CIA Director William Casey, after a federal judge's ruling against him. The judge said Casey knew of misstatements in a 1968 stock offering by a farming company when he served on its board. Casey's lawyer said, however, "we have very substantial defenses."